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DCR Kicks off Ice Skating Season, Announces Extended Hours at Boston Area Rinks

BOSTON – Wednesday, November 23, 2016 – Continuing to provide the public with increased access to the state's recreational facilities, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announced extended weekly hours of operations at many ice skating rinks within the Greater Boston area to provide additional recreational activities for children and their families as they celebrate the holiday season. Starting on Saturday, November 26, 2016, the winter ice skating schedule will commence at DCR managed rinks.

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"The Baker-Polito Administration remains committed to creating a safe, enjoyable environment for children and their families to benefit from during this winter season," said **DCR Commissioner Leo Roy**. "By providing additional recreational opportunities for people of all abilities to take part in, the Department of Conservation and Recreation is underscoring the importance for us all to incorporate an active, healthy lifestyle within our day to day lives. Plus, skating is fun! Please come join us."

The extended operating hours for DCR managed ice skating rinks, which provide free admission to the public, will enable visitors with a combined 30 additional hours of public ice skating time each month. DCR managed ice skating rinks include Steriti Rink in the North End; Devine Rink in Dorchester; Murphy Rink in South Boston; Emmons Horrigan O'Neil Rink in Charlestown; Bajko Rink in Hyde Park; Reilly Rink in Brighton; and the Connell Rink in Weymouth.

Public ice skating times and locations of DCR managed rinks can be found on the agency's [webpage](#), as well as a full list of all DCR owned rinks. Additionally, visitors should call ahead concerning the availability of ice skate rentals, snack concessions, and ice reservations.

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